

# ***Beyond the Neon***

## **Cultural Affairs Division**

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## **February 2004 Calendar of Events**

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### **Las Vegas Wind Quintet**

**Sunday, February 1, 3 pm**

#### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center Studio Theatre**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Dave Hawley, clarinet; Sherrie Parker, flute; Kelly Evans, oboe; Doug Beasley, horn; and Sam Pisciotta, bassoon, perform classical works by George Onslow, Antonin Dvorak, and Felix Mendelssohn.

*Free admission, tickets required and available for pick up or by mail. Ticket holders must be seated at least 15 minutes prior to concert or their tickets will be released on a first come, first served basis.*

### **Community Roots Featuring the Snowden Family**

**Saturday, February 7, 3 pm**

#### **West Las Vegas Arts Center**

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Snowden family members share stories of their years in Las Vegas, dating from the era of discrimination against African Americans.

*Free admission*

### **African-American Perspectives on Film**

**Saturdays, 3 pm**

#### **West Las Vegas Arts Center**

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

**February 7** *James Baldwin: The Price of the Ticket*

Documentary examines the life of one of the 20th century's major authors and civil rights activists.

**February 21** *Voices of Sarafina*

South African cast members of the anti-apartheid Broadway hit musical perform and give interviews about their politically and socially troubled homeland.

**February 28** *Ralph Ellison: An American Journey*

Documentary explores a gifted and intellectually-provocative author's life and his views on art, politics and race.

*Free admission, must be 17 or older*

### **Rainbow Company Youth Theatre**

#### **Sacagawea: The Bird Woman's Return**

**February 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 @ 7 pm**

**February 8, 14, 15 @ 2 pm**

#### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Original songs and traditional Plains Indian music help tell the story of the young Native American woman who helped Lewis and Clark blaze the trail across the United States to the Pacific Ocean.

*Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 teens & seniors, \$3 children 12 & under*

## **25th Annual Choreographers Showcase**

**Saturday & Sunday, February 7 & 8, 2 pm**

### **Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Original dance pieces by local choreographers were selected by nationally renowned choreographer Cleo Parker Robinson to premiere in the silver anniversary of this popular program highlighting Las Vegas talent. Reception follows performances.

*Tickets: \$12 performance day, \$10 advance*

## **Valentine's Day Soirée**

### **Tony Celeste and the Men in Black Band**

**Saturday, February 14, 7-9 pm**

### **Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Celebrate Valentine's Day dancing to love songs and classic tunes by Gershwin, Count Basie and others.

*Tickets: \$12 performance day, \$10 advance*

## **Downtown Cultural Series**

### **Shirley Chen and Dancers**

**Friday, February 20, noon-1 pm**

### **Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse**

333 Las Vegas Boulevard South

This award-winning ensemble was formed in 1982 to promote Chinese culture and performing arts. Bring a sack lunch or light refreshments are available. Call **229-1087** for information.

*Free admission*

## **Poets' Corner**

**Friday, February 20, 7 pm**

### **West Las Vegas Arts Center**

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Hosted by Keith Brantley and Pendelita Toney, the series features established poets and open mic participants.

*Free admission*

## **Rainbow Company Youth Theatre Auditions**

### ***Tales from Hans Christian Andersen***

**Saturday, February 21, 1 pm**

### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Open auditions for children and teens, ages 10-18, for roles in the musical adaptation of four of Andersen's most beloved fairy tales. Production scheduled for April 2-11.

## **Otis Taylor Blues Band**

**Saturday, February 28, 7 pm**

### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Taylor's thoughtful, soul-searching music, driven by guitar and vocals, has earned him numerous W.C. Handy Award nominations. Taylor won the 2002 Handy Award for Best New Artist of the Year.

*Tickets: \$12 performance day, \$10 advance*

## **Old Time Barn Dance**

*Cosponsored by Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers*

**Saturday, February 28, 7-9:30 pm**

### **Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Free dance lesson at 6:30 pm followed by callers and live fiddlin' music for square dancing, mixers, contras, waltzes and polkas. No partner or experience needed.

*Tickets: \$6 adults, \$5 members, \$3 students & active military, children under 15 free*

### **Winter I Class Registration**

**Registration February 24-March 4; classes March 9-April 18**

#### **Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

#### **East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center**

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

#### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

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#### **West Las Vegas Arts Center**

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Classes for adults and children are offered in a wide variety of arts disciplines, including painting, ceramics, dance, instrumental and vocal music, theatre and African cultural arts.

### **IN THE GALLERIES**

#### **The Many Sides of Cotti**

**through March 6, 2004**

#### **West Las Vegas Arts Center**

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Cotti's subjects are wide-ranging, including entertainers, florals, nudes, African Americans, Native Americans, portraits and surreal fantasies.

*Free admission*

### **All Fired Up: A Contemporary Ceramics Experience**

**through March 21**

#### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Curator Mark Masuoka has collected works by several artists involved in giving viewers a fresh perspective on the physical object. Exhibiting artists include Scott Chamberlin, Christine Federighi, David Gilhooly, Teshai Johnson, Jun Kaneko, Kirk Mangus, Deborah Masuoka, Patrick Siler, Susanne Stephanson, Xavier Toubes and Betty Woodman. Call **229-4674** for information.

*Free admission*

### **Susan Taber Avila**

**through March 7**

#### **Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

With a myriad of colors, patterns, mosaics and iconic imagery, Avila uses fabric and stitching to muse on the cultural intersections of Las Vegas and ancient Byzantium. Call **229-4674** for information.

*Free admission*

***Viva Las Vegas: The Art of the Aerial Gallery 2004***

**February 6-April 30**

**Reception: Friday, February 6, 3:30-5 pm**

**City Hall Bridge Gallery**

400 East Stewart, 2nd floor

Original artwork from some of the artists whose banners hang in the Aerial Gallery (Las Vegas Boulevard between Charleston and Fremont). Call **229-4674** for information.

*Free admission*

***Occupied Space: Connecting Artists with Public Spaces  
through June 2004***

**East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center**

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Paintings, drawings, ceramics, photography and sculpture from 23 local artists enhance the East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center as part of the City of Las Vegas Arts Commission's Art in Public Places Program. Call **229-4631** for information.

*Free admission*

PROGRAMS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.